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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PRE-
PAREDNESS

REF: STATE 149288 AND PREVIOUS

1. OP/GSA REPRESENTATIVES MET ON JUNE 30 WITH FRENCH
OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.
PRESENT AT THE MEETING ON THE AMERICAN SIDE WERE THE
FOLLOWING: DANIEL CRONIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE
OFFICE OF PREPAREDNESS; FREDERIC ACKERSON, SENIOR CEP
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ADVISOR, OP; JOHN POLICASTRO, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC

ADVISOR, USNATO; JOHN WILLETT, AMEMBASSY PARIS.
REPRESENTING THE FRENCH WERE: COMMANDANT PIERRON AND
MR. GUILLO, BOTH OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE (SGDN); MR. ANTHIER, CEP REP TO NATO; AND
MR. DE LA ROCHEFORDIERE FROM THE PACTS AND DISARMAMENT
BUREAU OF THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE
MEETING, WHICH LASTED TWO HOURS, TOOK PLACE IN MR.
GUILLO'S OFFICE AT THE SGDN.

2. SGDN IS ATTACHED TO PRIME MINISTRY OF JACQUES
CHIRAC AND ANSWERS DIRECTLY TO IT. IT ACTS AS THE
SECRETARIAT FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE COM-
POSED OF THE PM AND THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
DEFENSE AND THE INTERIOR. AS SUCH IT IS CHARGED
WITH THE OVERALL COORDINATION OF THE CIVIL EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS FUNCTION, BOTH AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL (BE-
TWEEN THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES) AND THE LOCAL LEVEL. THE
LATTER CONSISTS OF A GROUPING OF SEVEN REGIONAL
"SUPER-PREFECTS", EACH CHARGED WITH ADMINISTERING ONE
OF THE SEVEN DEFENSE DISTRICTS INTO WHICH FRANCE IS
DIVIDED.

3. THE GOF OFFICIALS WERE FRANK IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS
THAT PERTAINED TO: THE LEGAL BASIS FOR FRENCH NON-
MILITARY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITY; THE DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF CEP POLICY; CEP ORGANIZATION FOR
STANDARD PEACETIME OPERATIONS AND CRISIS SITUATIONS;
THE MANAGEMENT OF CRITICAL RESOURCES; AND THE MECHANISM
FOR COORDINATION OF ALL CEP ACTIVITIES. AS A RESULT OF
THESE DISCUSSIONS USG CEP REPS CONCLUDED THAT FRANCE
APPEARS TO HAVE A WELL DEVELOPED AND OPERATING CEP
STRUCTURE, WITH FULL NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO ACCOMPLISH
CEP ACTIVITIES. EXERCISES TO TEST THE EFFICIENCY OF
THIS STRUCTURE WERE HELD ANNUALLY UNTIL 1974, WHEN THEY
WERE MADE BIENNIAL. GOF CAN CALL INTO ACTION EMERGENCY

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEASURES AT ANY TIME, WITH THE PM
HAVING AUTHORITY IN OTHER FIELDS WHENEVER A THREAT TO
NATIONAL SECURITY APPEARS. THE FRENCH FEEL THAT
ORDONNANCES ORIGINATING IN JANUARY 1959 COVER ALL
PROBLEMS WHICH THEY MIGHT FACE IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL
AND ECONOMIC DEFENSE.

4. COMMENT: THE MEETING WITH GOF OFFICIALS WAS HIGHLY
USEFUL IN THAT IT PROVIDED A BASIS FOR FUTURE BILATERAL
CONTACT IN THE CEP FIELD. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING
GUILLO INVITED USG REPS TO VISIT AT A FUTURE DATE THE
SCHOOL FOR SERVICE OF CIVIL PROTECTION AT NAINVILLES-
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LES-ROCHES. THE SCHOOL STRESSES CIVIL DEFENSE MORE
THAN THE MORE GENERAL FIELD OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:
NEVERTHELESS, HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS FROM A NUMBER OF
FIELDS ARE RUN THROUGH THE SCHOOL. GUILLO EXPRESSED
THE HOPE THAT GENERAL BRAY MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE SUCH
A VISIT. IN CONCLUSION THE VISIT WAS BENEFICIAL TO
ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING AMEMBASSY PARIS, WHICH THROUGH
IT WAS PROVIDED THE OCCASION FOR REFINING ITS CONCEPTS
OF THE FRENCH CEP MECHANISM.
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